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Classified By: Deputy Political Counselor Martina Strong for reasons 1.
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Political officer delivered the reftel points to Veronika Kuchynova-Smigolova, the Czech MFA's Director of Security Policy, and her deputy, Petr Chalupecky on March 3. They appreciated receiving the points and expressed their government's support. They also mentioned that they hoped our decision might lead to greater cooperation between Czech and U.S. special forces in Afghanistan. (Note: The Czechs have around 100 special forces troops in Afghanistan in 2009. However, the Czech special forces will come home late this year and are scheduled to spend 2010 recuperating and training. Therefore, the MOD is not planning to propose a SOF deployment for next year. End Note.)
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